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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1379

NOTE PREPARED: May 17, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Apr 29, 2007

SUBJECT: Copying and Certification of Documents.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hoy

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. C. Lawson

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *Bulk Form Copies-* The bill increases the fee (from 5 to 7 cents) that the county recorder can charge a bulk user for bulk form copies. The bill specifies that money in the records perpetuation fund may not be deposited in the county general fund and does not revert to the county general fund at the end of a fiscal year.

Copying and Certification Fees- The bill provides that a local government agency may charge a fee of not more than \$5 for certifying a document instead of the actual cost to the agency. The bill provides that a local government agency may charge a fee for copying a document that does not exceed the greater of: (1) 10 cents per page (for noncolor copies) or 25 cents per page (for color copies); or (2) the actual cost to the agency. The bill specifically excludes the charges of a health and hospital corporation and a local department of health's charges for certificates of birth, death, and stillbirth registration.

Miscellaneous Changes- The bill removes the definition of "actual cost" in the current law allowing local agencies to charge the "actual cost" of copying, certifying, or facsimile transmission of a document. The bill removes a provision in the current law that allows a local agency to charge the actual cost of facsimile transmission of a document. The bill makes a technical change to resolve a conflict with SEA 526-2007.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Bulk Form Copies*- Raising bulk copy fees from 5 cents to 7 cents specified under the bill would have an indeterminable impact on local revenues. The revenue generated would depend on the demand for copies after the fee increases. County recorders would be able to retain monies placed into their records perpetuation funds.

Copying, and Certification Fees- The impact to local revenues would depend on the fees set by local units of government under the fee limits proposed by the bill. Under current law, fees may not exceed the actual cost of certifying, copying, or facsimile transmission of documents by the local unit of government. Except for the specific health and medical documents described above, this provision would place the fee to certify documents at a maximum of \$5.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local government agencies.

Information Sources:

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